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The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 3-7, 10-13, 15 and 16 are allowed.

At the same time, claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner's indication of the allowance of claims 1, 3-7, 10-13, 15 and 16 has been gratefully acknowledged. In connection with this indication, the allowed claims have been retained as they were.

In view of the Examiner's rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, applicants amended claim 14 to more clearly define the features specified in this claim.

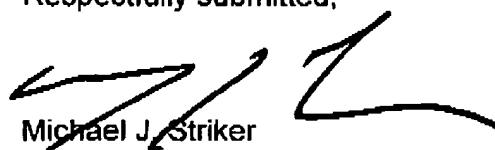
Claim 13, from which claim 14 depends, defines that the active clamping jaw (360) on the other side includes means (370, 650, 660, 670) at the end of the other axial stub (410) for vibration damping. Amended claim 14 additionally defines that the means for vibration damping (370) are provided on an extension of the axial stub (410). It is therefore believed that the amended claim 14 now is in compliance with the Examiner's requirements.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present application contains only the allowable claims, and its allowance is most respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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